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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2002

The Senate met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK DAYTON, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, righteous, holy Judge of us all, every word we speak and action we take is heard and seen by You. Remind us that You bless those who humble themselves and put their trust in You completely. There is no limit to what You will do for a nation and its leaders if You are glorified as Sovereign.

May the knowledge of Your blessings to our Nation bring us to a deeper commitment to You. We want our motto: "In God we trust" to be more than a familiar phrase. You have told us,

Where there is no vision, the people perish.—(Proverbs 29:18).

And we remember Thomas Jefferson's warning: "God who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a Nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are gifts of God?" With these words ringing in our souls, grant the Senators and all of us who work with them the courage to reaffirm You as Lord to whom we are responsible for the moral, spiritual, and cultural life of America.

Thank You for the miraculous recovery of the nine miners at Quecreek, Pennsylvania. Thank You for being on time and in time for all our needs. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK DAYTON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 29, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK DAYTON, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. DAYTON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will announce, very shortly, that the Senate will be in a period of morning business that will extend until 5:30 p.m. today. The time will be divided between the two leaders or their designees.

At 5:30, we are going to have three votes: Julia Smith Gibbons to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Joy Flowers Conti to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and John E. Jones III to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, we have a busy week before the August break. The House, as the Presiding Officer knows, is out of session. We hope to complete consideration of the prescription drug bill, DOD appropriations, which by order we must take up by Wednesday, the fast track conference report, and we have a lot of executive nominations. And, of course, we also hope to begin consideration of the homeland defense legislation. We have a lot to do with a little bit of time to do it.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time to be equally divided and controlled by the two leaders.

The Senator from Nevada.

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